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Claims 53-54 are canceled herein. Entry of the amendments and consideration of these remarks after final is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because they raise no new issues, and place the application in form for allowance. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 36-52 will be pending in the application.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 37-52 in the final Office action dated March 10, 2005. Applicants note that the Office action failed to indicate the status of claim 36. Since claim 36 depends from allowed claim 37, applicants submit that claim 36 is also allowable.

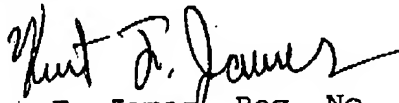
On June 1, 2005, Applicants' representative Kurt F. James and Examiner Michele Kidwell had a scheduled telephone interview to discuss the patentability of claims 53 and 54 as previously presented. During the interview, Mr. James contended that claims 53 and 54 were allowable with no further searching or consideration. Examiner Kidwell disagreed with Mr. James' position for two reasons. First, claims 53 and 54 do not require "a stretch bonded laminate" as recited in allowed claim 37 and therefore would require additional consideration to determine their patentability. Second, the rejections of claims 53 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §112 would have to be reconsidered. No agreement was reached.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 36-52 is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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